GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS- Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens - Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, DW&CDA and 05 others CDPOs- Complaint No.4299/205/B2 filed before the Hon'ble Lokayukta by Smt P.Nirmala, for misappropriation of Govt., funds without receipt of stocks (Pressure Cookers to AWCs in Kadapa District) – Initiation of common disciplinary proceedings under Rule–24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry Report received – Inquiry Report Communicated – Explanations received –Penalty of 'Censure' against the three (3) in service Charged Officers viz., 1) Smt. V. Aruna Kumari, CDPO., Kadapa; 2) Smt. P. Rama Devi, CDPO., Lakkireddypalli, Kadapa & 3) Smt. P. Nirmala, CDPO., ICDS Project, Siddavatam, YSR District – Orders – Issued.

DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT)

G.O.RT.No. 52 Dated: 23-04-2025

Read the following:-

1. Interim orders of the Hon'ble Upa – Lokayukta dated 04-02-2016 in Complaint No.4299/2015/B2, received through Lokayukta Lr.Dis No.4299/2015/B2/1783/2016, dated 18.02.2016
2. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016, dated 09-05-2016 & 16-07-2016.
3. The Spl. Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Lr.No.5633/V/2015, dated 12- 08-2016.
4. Written Statement of Defence submitted by Smt.P.Bharathi, Smt. P. Nirmala, Smt. P. Ramadevi and Smt. C. Sreemathamma, CDPOs.
5. G.O.Rt.No.251-256, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 19.12.2018. (A.o.C. to C.Os)
6. G.O.Rt.No.123, Deptt., for WCDA & SC, dated 26.6.2020. (Appointment of Inquiry Officer)
7. Inquiry Report of Smt. R. Sreelatha, E.O & JD (Admn) dated 27.04.2021 received on 22.06.2021.
8. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016-1, dated 27-08-2021.
9. Memo. No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC-WDCW, dated: 08-09-2021
10. Lr. No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC - WDCW, dt:18/09/2019 of the Director, WD&CW.
11. G.O.Rt.No.176, WCDA&SC Dept, Dated.26.12.2022

ORDER:-

Smt. P.Nirmala, filed a Complaint petition before the Hon'ble A.P Lokayukta, by leveling certain allegations of mis – appropriation of huge amount of Rs.73,94,369/- in purchasing of pressure cookers to the A.W.Cs in Kadapa District by Smt. P. Leelavathi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Special Commissioner, WD&CW, has furnished the remarks of the Collector, Kadapa, on the inquiry report dt:10.11.2015 submitted by a team of Inquiry Officers headed by Smt. Nazneen Bhanu on the above allegations.

3. After considering the position informed by the Spl. Commr, WD&CW, a common disciplinary proceedings was initiated under Rule – 24 (1) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in respect of **(i)** Smt. K. Leelavathi, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa **(ii)** Smt. V. Arunakumari, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa, **(iii)** Smt. Sreemathamma, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kamalapuram, Kadapa, **(iv)** Smt. P.Ramadevi, CDPO, ICDS Project, L.R. Palli, Kadapa, **(v)** Smt. P. Bharathi, CDPO, ICDS Project, Rayachoti, Kadapa and **(vi)** Smt. P. Nirmala, CDPO, ICDS Project, Sidhout, Kadapa, as they were held responsible for misappropriation of Govt. funds to a tune of **Rs.74,69,060/-** by supplying of unsafe and unbranded pressure cookers instead of "Prestige" brand pressure cookers to the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in Kadapa; payment of bills by the then Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa to M/s M & S Enterprises, Kadapa, before supplying the cookers to the Anganwadi Centres(AWCs) issue of false delivery certificates by the five Child Development Project Officers(C.D.P.Os), as they cannot be pleaded ignorance.

4. In the Written Statement of Defences 4th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence, after following due procedure appointed the Joint Director (Admn), WD&CW Dept., Guntur, as Inquiry Officer vide G.O 6th read above. Subsequently, the I.O has submitted her report vide letter 7th read above.

5. In the Inquiry Report, the charges against Late Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, i.e (1) that she made advance payment to the suppliers (2) failed to take action against M/s M.S. Enterprises, Prodddatur for not supplying the pressure cookers even after lapses of six to nine months of time, though the total cost of cookers was paid to them (3) failed to take action against M/s M.S Enterprises for not supplying branded cookers, were held proved. The charges against the remaining the Charged Officers (1) Smt. V. Aruna kumara, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Urban, (2) Smt. C. Sreemathamma, A.C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rayachoti, (3) Smt. P. Rama Devi, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Rural, (4) Smt. P. Bharathi C.D.P.O who retired from service on Superannuation on 30-06-2019 and (5) Smt. P. Nirmala, C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rajampet of Y.S.R District, that they are responsible for supply of unbranded pressure cookers instead of Prestige cookers by giving false certificate which show their carelessness, negligence held proved. In addition to the above charge, a separate charge against Smt. P. Rama Devi presently working as CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa Rural, i.e failed to deposit unspent amount to the Govt., Account in time is also held proved.

6. In the memo. 8th read above, the Director, W.D&C.W, has been informed to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers, so as to enable them to submit their further written representation thereon within 15 days of time and furnish the same to the Govt., for taking further course of action in the matter.

7. In response to the Govt., memo, the Director, W.D.&C.W has stated that the inquiry report has been communicated to the Charged Officers vide reference 9th read above, to submit their further written representations on the inquiry report

within 15 days. All the Charged Officers have submitted their explanations (except Late Smt. K.Leelavathi) on the inquiry report.

8. In the letter 10th read above, the Director, WD&CW, while enclosing the death report issued by M/s Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur has stated that Smt. K. Leelavathi expired on **24.07.2019** at M/s. Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur, due to failure of Liver Transplantation operation. Accordingly, Government have issued orders to abate further disciplinary action against Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director, DW&CDA, Kadapa, in the present case, duly adjusting the financial loss caused to the Govt., exchequer from the pensionary benefits of the deceased officer Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director vide reference 11th read above.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of Inquiring Authority and written representation, hereby decided and order to impose the penalty of 'Censure' against the three (3) in service Charged Officers viz., 1) Smt. V. Aruna Kumari, CDPO., Kadapa; 2) Smt. P. Rama Devi, CDPO., Lakkireddypalli, Kadapa & 3) Smt. P. Nirmala, CDPO., ICDS Project, Siddavatam, YSR District.

10. The Director, W.D&C.W, shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

A SURYA KUMARI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individuals through the Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur
The Director, WD&CW, AP, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, AP Secretariat, Velagapudi.
Sf/Sc. (C.No. 246851)

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SECTION OFFICER